

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

DEN42 — SHAKESPEARE STUDIES

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

SECTION A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

1. In whose household are Don Pedro, Claudio, and Benedick invited to stay for a month?
2. What does Don Pedro propose to do in order to help Claudio win Hero's heart?
3. What pattern is embroidered on the handkerchief?
4. What rank does Cassio hold before Othello strips it from him?
5. Who is the great general of the Volsces in *Coriolanus*?
6. What is the name of Caius Martius' mother in *Coriolanus*?
7. At what tavern do Falstaff and friends congregate?
8. Who kills Hotspur?



9. What questions were put forth by Wilson Knight on the illogical actions in *Macbeth*?
10. Why does Knight state that darkness permeates the play *Macbeth*?

SECTION B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

11. (a) Write a note on the character of Beatrice in *Much Ado About Nothing*.

Or

- (b) Sketch the character of Claudio in *Much Ado About Nothing*.

12. (a) Why does Iago hate Othello?

Or

- (b) Why does Roderigo agree to kill Cassio?

13. (a) Discuss the role of *Volumnia* in *Coriolanus*.

Or

- (b) Analyse the character of Brutus in *Coriolanus*.

14. (a) Sketch the character of Hotspur in *Henry IV*.

Or

- (b) Write a note on the part played by Sir John Falstaff in *Henry IV*.

15. (a) Discuss AC Bradley's views on Shakespeare.

Or

- (b) Introduce Greenblatt's studies on Shakespeare.

SECTION C — (3 × 10 = 30 marks)

Answer any THREE questions.

16. Discuss Shakespeare as a sonneteer with reference to the poems prescribed.

17. Why does Othello care about Desdemona's handkerchief?

18. Discuss the tragic flaw in *Coriolanus*.

19. Discuss the theme of honour in *Henry IV*.

20. Summarise AniaLoomba's criticism on Shakespeare.